



Town of Blades  
OFFICE OF MAYOR & COUNCIL  
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***Town Council Meeting  
BVFC, East Fifth Street, Blades, DE  
7:00PM  
January 9, 2023***

Present: Mayor Robert Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith, Councilman Donald Trice, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr., Councilman William Stang, Police Chief Martin Willey, and Town Administrator Lisa Marks.

Mayor Robert Atkinson officially opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Opening Prayer by Pierre Gaither, Sr. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes from the December 12, 2022, Town Council Meeting: Motion to accept in written form by Councilman Donald Trice; Seconded by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilman William Stang – Yes. Carried

Police Report – Submitted and read by Police Chief Martin Willey.

BEDCO – No report at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – No meeting in January.

❖ Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Report submitted by Code Enforcement Officer, Marcus Trammell. Read by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith.
- Water report - Reports submitted by Public Works Supervisor and read by Town Administrator Lisa Marks.
- Streets – Report submitted and read by Councilman William Stang.
- Parks & Cemeteries – Report submitted and read by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr.
- Police – Report submitted and read by Councilman Donald Trice.
- Mayor's Report – Report submitted and read by Mayor Robert Atkinson.
- Town Administrator Report – Report submitted and read by Town Administrator Lisa Marks.

❖ New Business:

- Park Rental Rates - Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. made a motion to support a resolution to raise park rental fees from 35.00 to 50.00 in order to offset costs; Seconded by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilman William Stang. – Yes. Carried



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- Police Car Surplus Resolution - Vice-Mayor Mike Smith made a motion to accept Resolution 2023.01.09 R1- A resolution declaring two motor vehicles to be surplus and authorizing and directing the disposal of said motor vehicles in accordance with statutory requirements; Seconded by Pierre Gaither, Sr. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilman William Stang. – Yes. Carried

❖ Old Business:

- Christmas Light Contest – Winners
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place (100.00) – Anna Carbonell, 900 South Market Street
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (50.00) – Rolley Marvel, 118 East Fifth Street
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (25.00) – Kevin & Linda Parrish, 4 Summit Circle

❖ Good of the Community

Ronald Callaway from the Blades Volunteer Fire Department announced plans for a memorial monument to be constructed for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2034 and ask if the Town would like to be involved. - The memorial monument will be added to the Town Council Workshop Agenda, which is a few days prior to the BVFD meeting.

Citizen inquired about their water test results from last month and would like have them hand delivered. – As stated last month, the results showed no irregularities, the Water Supervisor did call the resident, but the 2 calls were not answered. The results will not only be hand delivered, they will also be delivered via certified mail per policies and procedures.

Citizen inquired about the status of a property that was damaged by fire. – The residents have completed jumping through hoops and the red tape that comes with this type of situation and are expected to receive their building permit anytime.

Entered into Executive Session: 8:05 pm  
Exited Executive Session: 8:25 pm

Councilman Donald Trice motioned to adjourn the January 9, 2023, Blades Town Council Meeting, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith.

Mayor Robert Atkinson adjourned the Blades Town Council Meeting at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Marks  
Town Administrator